Remarks

With entry of the present amendment claims 4, 25-30 are pending.

In the Action mailed August 8, 2005, the Office indicates claims 4 and 25-26 contain allowable subject matter. New claims 27-30 are versions of claims 25-26 rewritten in "apparatus" and "product" claim formats, and therefore also should be considered allowable.

The Office has asserted restrictions and rejections against the remaining claims.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections presented in the Action. Applicants have canceled the restricted and rejected claims from the present application in order to expedite issuance of the claims currently indicated to be allowable by the Office. Applicants intend to pursue the restricted and rejected claims in continuation and divisional applications, and will present arguments against the rejection in such applications.

The present application should now be in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully solicited.

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